



Kay Barga

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Kay Barga

SCHOOL: Edison Elementary

Position: 2nd Grade Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 18 years

Q. What are your students working on?

A. We are working on short vowels - a, e, i and high frequency words. In second grade we are also constantly teaching students to follow directions and pay attention.

Q. How do you help meet each child's individual needs?

A. It's very important to differentiate instruction because each child is at a different level in their reading development.

Q. What new strategies have you developed this year to do this?

A. One thing we've done differently this year is have Mr. Telstad take all the benchmark and high reading students and we have taken all the kids who are below benchmark.

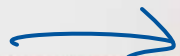
Q. How does this strategy help?

A. We have divided the students who are below benchmark into four groups based on their needs. We take them from where they are and hopefully fill in the holes they have been missing in their reading development. We use small group instruction and a lot of one-on-one support.

Q. How has technology changed the way you teach?

A. I can think back and remember when the overhead was the big splash in regards to technology. Today's technology would overwhelm and awe people and at the same time create a lot of excitement. Now you can bring anything from the web into the classroom in 15 seconds and enrich whatever you are talking about. It's truly amazing.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
KAY BARGA'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM KAY...

I want to thank the voters for voting YES for this school. It's a privilege and an honor to be here. The learning environment and climate is very special. The atmosphere and natural light is conducive to learning and that's the most important part.

We work hard to keep the parents informed and involved in their child's education. We do newsletters, make calls home, conferences and more.



The technology in this school is wonderful.

We are very lucky to be able to teach in this school.